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**APPLICANT:** Robert Kutka et al, **CASE NO.** P99,2301

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**INVENTION: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENCODING AND DECODING A DIGITIZED IMAGE WITH PICTURE ELEMENTS**

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